

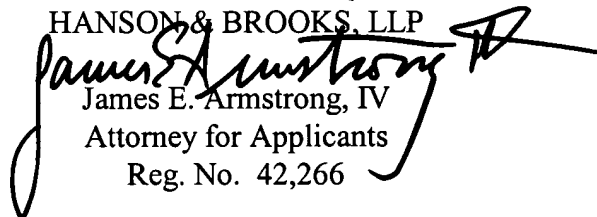
REMARKS

The above amendment is submitted to place the claims in substantially the same condition as to the claims which have been amended under Article 34 in the international application and to eliminate multiple dependent claims. An English translation of the Article 34 Amendments dated February 13, 2004 and December 15, 2004 is enclosed. Early and favorable action is awaited.

In the event that any fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

ARMSTRONG, KRATZ, QUINTOS,
HANSON & BROOKS, LLP


James E. Armstrong, IV
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 42,266

JAM/jaz
Atty. Docket No. **040679**
Suite 1000
1725 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
(202) 659-2930



23850

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE